# **EXHIBIT A**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

**CIVIL ACTION NO: 3:16-CV-00819** 

JUSTIN DRISKELL,

Plaintiff.

VS.

SUPERSEDEAS BOND NO. 106791496

SUMMIT CONTRACTING GROUP, INC.,

Defendant.

We, Defendant SUMMIT CONTRACTING GROUP, INC. ("Summit"), as Principal, and TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut ("Travelers"), and duly licensed and authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, as Surety, are held and firmly bound to Plaintiff JUSTIN DRISKELL ("Driskell"), as Obligee, in the maximum penal sum of \$1,200,000.00, for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, jointly and severally, by this instrument.

Whereas, on February 5, 2018, in an action pending in the above court, between Driskell and Summit, judgment was rendered against Summit, and Summit having filed post-trial motions and, depending on the results, is considering an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to set aside or otherwise obtain relief from the judgment and having applied for an order of the District Court staying enforcement of such judgment during the pendency of post-trial motions, and if necessary, appeal.

Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is that if Summit shall prosecute its appeal to effect and shall satisfy the judgment in full, together with costs, interest, and damages for delay if the appeal is finally dismissed or the judgment is affirmed or shall satisfy in full such judgment as modified together with such costs, interests, and damages as the Court of Appeals may adjudge and award, this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full service and effect.

In no event, however, shall the surety's obligation under this bond exceed the maximum aggregate sum of \$1,200,000.00.

Pursuant to Rule 8(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Travelers, as the sureties, hereby submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the District Court.

DATED this 12th day of April 2018.

Attorney-In-Fact

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, AS SURETY

SUMMIT CONTRACTING GROUP, INC., AS PRINCIPAL

By:

Colette R. Chisholm

Michael M. Padgett

President

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL IF A CORPORATION

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| On this 12 day of 100 100 before me personally   |
| appeared to me known, who, being by me duly  |
| sworn, did depose and say; that he/she resides at, that  |
| he/she is the Problem of   |
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| described in and which executed the within insurance instrument; that he/she knows the seal of     |
| said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so  |
| affixed by the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto |
| by like order.   |
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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY COMPANY

| STATE OF New York }  |
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| COUNTY OF New York }   |
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| On this April 12, 2018, before me personally came Colette R. Chisholm  |
| to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that he/she resides in New York County, State of New York that he/she is the Attorney-In-Fact of the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America  |
| the corporation described in which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that is was so affixed by the Board of Directors of said corporation; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order; and the affiant did further depose and say that the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, has pursuant to Section 1111 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, issued to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (Surety) his/her certificate of qualification evidencing the qualification of said Company and its sufficiency under any law of the State of New York as surety and guarantor, and the propriety of accepting and approving is as such; and that such certificate has not been revoked. |
| Notary Public  |
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NY acknowledgement

DANIELLE HECKMAN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01HE6302468
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires 05/05/2018



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America **Travelers Casualty and Surety Company** St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Strety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint Colette R. Chisholm of Uniondale, New York, their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 3rd day of February, 2017.







State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the 3rd day of February, 2017, before me personally appeared Robert L. Raney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 12th

day of April

2018







Mar E. Hugher. Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880. Please refer to the above-named Attorney-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.

#### TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

#### HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06183

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

CAPITAL STOCK \$ 6,480,000

| ASSETS  |                        | LIABILITIES & SURPLUS  |   |
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| CASH AND INVESTED CASH BONDS STOCKS INVESTMENT INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED OTHER INVESTED ASSETS PREMIUM BALANCES NET DEFERRED TAX ASSET REINSURANCE RECOVERABLE SECURITIES LENDING REINVESTED COLLATERAL RECEIVABLES FROM PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSUMED REINSURANCE RECEIVABLE AND PAYA OTHER ASSETS | DAFFILIATES 21,488,218 | UNEARNED PREMIUMS LOSSES LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSES COMMISSIONS TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES OTHER EXPENSES CURRENT FEDERAL AND FOREIGN INCOME TAXES REMITTANCES AND ITEMS NOT ALLOCATED AMOUNTS WITHHELD / RETAINED BY COMPANY FOR OTHERS RETROACTIVE REINSURANCE RESERVE ASSUMED POLICYHOLDER DIVIDENDS PROVISION FOR REINSURANCE ADVANCE PREMIUM ESCHEAT LIABILITY PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES LENDING CEDED REINSURANCE NET PREMIUMS PAYABLE OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES | \$ 920,416,346<br>820,933,807<br>181,114,296<br>42,188,100<br>13,242,950<br>42,889,178<br>1,313,124<br>82,545,307<br>35,924,038<br>793,039<br>9,857,423<br>5,066,341<br>1,256,758<br>637,143<br>20,555,872<br>36,704,062<br>686,469<br>\$ 2,216,124,273 |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 4,232,760,599       | CAPITAL STOCK PAID IN SURPLUS OTHER SURPLUS TOTAL SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS TOTAL SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS  | \$ 6,480,000<br>433,803,760<br>1,576,352,567<br>\$ 2,016,636,327<br>\$ 4,232,760,598  |

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )
COUNTY OF HARTFORD ) SS.

CITY OF HARTFORD )

MICHAEL J. DOODY, BEING DULY SWORN, SAYS THAT HE IS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, OF TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, AND THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SAID COMPANY AS OF THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018

SUSAN M. WEISSLEDER

Notary Public

My Commission Expires November 30, 2022